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54 Absorbent nonwoven webs.

57 Highly absorbent nonwoven webs formed from readily available nonwoven materials and having a polyelectrolyte super-absorbent polymeric sorbent coating the individual fibers of the nonwoven web are disclosed. The polymeric sorbent coating absorbs liquid while minimizing occlusion of the interstices of the web.

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